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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed June 3, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed July 18, 2008, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7, 10 and 13, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 15-17 and amend claims 6, 8, 9 and 12 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.